

October 4, 2016

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, October 4, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at the Gallipolis Municipal Building, 333 Third Avenue, having complied with Section 9 of the City Charter.

Commission President Tony Gallagher called the meeting to order. Mr. Wallis gave the invocation.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

Albert "Tony" Gallagher, President
 Michael C. Fulks, Vice-President
 Roger P. Brandeberry, Member
 W. Matthew Johnson, Member
 Steven E. Wallis, Member

Others attending were:

M. Eugene Greene, City Manager
 Adam R. Salisbury, City Solicitor
 Annette M. Landers, City Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer
 Dean Wright, Gallipolis Daily Tribune
 Ronnie Lynch Marvin Vanderberg Bobette Braxton
 Jeff Boyer Joy Elliott Keith Elliott
 Marlin Griffin Jennifer Griffin Sharon Anderson
 Pete Anderson Gene Armstrong Elaine Armstrong
 Sonny Ganes Lora Snow

Commission received the minutes of the September 20, 2016 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

Privilege of Floor was granted to Mr. Marvin Griffin on the topic of the new marker in the Pine Street Cemetery. Mr. Griffin first gave a brief history of the cemetery, beginning with John Gee's donation of four acres of land in 1860. He expressed disappointment that the John Gee Society was not consulted before installing a new marker on what he described as holy and sacred ground. Mr. Greene stated that the marker was created by Mr. Cletus Harder, who has made other works of art for the city. Members of the Gallipolis in Bloom Committee were consulted about an appropriate location. He said that no one wished to show disrespect for the cemetery or for those most closely associated with it. The intent had been to place a very nice marker in a prominent location for those entering town to see it clearly. Several of those in attendance spoke to praise the beauty of the marker, but also to ask that it be re-located elsewhere to preserve the historic and sacred nature of the cemetery. After some discussion, those present agreed that it could be placed in the green space along the bank near the road. Everyone joined in the effort to reach a satisfactory solution.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- He and Chief Boyer attended a meeting with over twenty business and government representatives at the Gallia County Health Department to discuss top public health concerns in the county. Of the issues discussed: tobacco use, obesity, infectious diseases, substance abuse, cancer rates, and access to health care, the top concern was substance abuse. The fact that this problem has spread across the county with a related rise in the crime rate came as no surprise, but reflected the increase that our own Police Department has experienced.

- The health insurance rates for 2017 are increasing 6.2% for the monthly premiums. The deficit reduction portion (which the employees do not share in paying) has gone down from \$2,000 to \$1,000 per covered employee. Property insurance went up a very small amount, roughly \$1,000.
- Trick or Treat night in the City is set for Thursday, October 27th, from 5:30 to 6:30.
- The second public hearing for the Police Levy is set for 5 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18th in the meeting room, immediately before the Commission meeting.
- The park front project is moving along well in spite of a couple of days off due to rain last week. Mr. Greene is looking at disallowing two change order charges which may be excessive.
- Mr. Greene is looking for contractors to provide cost estimates to submit on the \$150,000 capital grant for work on the Bandstand and Kerr Fountain. It is particularly difficult to locate anyone with the expertise to do the marble work on the Kerr Fountain. Mr. Greene asked anyone with knowledge of such a contractor to provide contact information.
- Mr. Greene met with GDC's engineering firm last Thursday. They are working on plans to connect to the City's water system.
- City crews have been working on a water line break on Locust Street, which caused school to be cancelled.

The City Auditor presented the 2017 Alternate Tax Budget for approval. Mr. Fulks made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Brandeberry. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The City Solicitor again mentioned the hearing in Pike County on October 20th involving the landslip on Chillicothe Road. President Gallagher will be attending this with him. The defendant in the animal cruelty trial pled guilty on the evening before the trial and was sentenced to 180 days in jail.

The 2016 VOCA Grant period expired on September 30th. The 2017 grant application has been submitted, but word of award has not been received. The 2016 grant included new funding for a legal advocate who provided a great improvement in the services we could offer victims over the last year. Mr. Salisbury is hoping that funding to continue this program will be forthcoming in the new grant cycle.

Mr. Salisbury requested executive session for legal: pending lawsuits.

Mr. Johnson reported on the Paw Patrol event in the City Park two Saturdays ago. He thanked our Police Department and Volunteer Firefighters who attended and assisted with the event, which raised \$10,000 for the Downtown Revitalization Project.

Mr. Johnson also announced that Jessie Powers of Ohio DAS will be coming to town on October 13th to talk about programs available to help with our downtown.

Mr. Greene praised and expressed his appreciation to Mr. Johnson for his involvement in every function at the City Park. Mr. Johnson modestly avowed that he is not at *every* event.

President Gallagher asked everyone present to talk about the need for the Police Levy to their friends and neighbors. We need everyone to come out and vote for it.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2016-45 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HIGHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR THE HOUSING OF PRISONERS**. Mr. Wallis made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Chief Boyer told the Commissioners that the daily cost is \$55. The problem is

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the time and cost to transport so far from Gallia County. Upon voice vote to place this ordinance on first reading, all votes were yes.

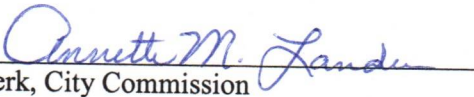
There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2016-46 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ACCETING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR HIGHWAY DE-ICING SALT, CALCIUM CHLORIDE, AND COLD MIX**. Mr. Fulks made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Brandeberry. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2016-47 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR HOSPITALIZATION, MEDICAL AND MAJOR MEDICAL, DRUG AND DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO**. Mr. Johnson made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Wallis. Upon voice vote to place this ordinance on first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2016-48 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH USI INSURANCE SERVICES (PEP) FOR GENERAL LIABILITY AND PROPERTY INSURANCE**. Mr. Fulks made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Wallis. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2016-49 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH MORROW COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE HOUSING OF PRISONERS**. Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Brandeberry. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

Mr. Wallis made a motion to enter executive session to discuss legal/pending lawsuits, seconded by Mr. Fulks. Upon roll call on the motion, all votes were yes. Upon completion of executive session, Commission returned to regular session. There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned.


Clerk, City Commission


President, City Commission